

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY

Additions to J. P. Davies' Auction, Monday.
To be Let—Robert Burnaby.
For Victoria—Millard & Beedy.

The British Columbian.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1899.

THE GREAT NECESSITY.

Unquestionably the first great want is a good government. The second is an economical government. The Colonists must have the management of their own affairs. They bear the whole burden of the expense. No shilling of Imperial money lightens their load. No soldier guards their coast. Why should mother Britannia persist in strangling our energies with red-tape? The subject of Responsible Government for British Columbia and the fitness of British Columbia for Responsible Government has recently occupied a good deal of our space. Let us now devote a little consideration to the question of retrenchment. It is far from an agreeable task to be finding fault with those in the service of the State, and, perhaps, making enemies of gentlemen with whom one is thrown into daily contact. But a sense of duty must always lift the independent journalist above the fear of man, which bringeth a snare. Stern duty to country, child, self, must ever outweigh considerations of that nature. Retrenchment has long been the cry in this Colony, not periodical but constant. The O'Connell principle of "agitate, agitate" has been ours, and we mean to adhere to that principle until it bears practical fruit. We are apt to think that there is not a man in this colony outside, perhaps, of official circles, who is not thoroughly impressed with the conviction that a very sweeping measure of retrenchment in the public service is not only absolutely necessary, but eminently practicable. Just look at the real case presented. Less than \$3,000, exclusive of Indians, called upon to raise an annual revenue approximating to as many hundred thousand dollars! How much less is it than one hundred dollars per head for every man, woman and child? One hundred dollars a head and "scratch" for a living! One hundred dollars a head and bury your own dead! It is said of Donald McPhil, in the North of Scotland, that he became so fond of black-pudding as to reduce his cattle so much that they died from sheer loss of blood, drawn off to keep Donald in his favorite dish. Our officials may not unfitly be compared to Donald McPhil, the unfortunate colonists standing in the position of his bovine stock. They are unkindly fond of black-pudding, and they are now drawing off the life-blood of the people in order to gratify their inordinate appetite for black-pudding; and if this suicidal process be continued much longer, it is greatly to be feared that the colonists must even share the fate of Donald's kine. It needs no argument to prove that British Columbia is in this plight. The proof stares one in the face every day, meets one at every turn. The country has been reduced to so low a condition by over-taxation, over government, mismanagement on the part of the local Government, and cold neglect, or worse, on the part of the Home Government, that the whole thing doesn't amount to more than an ordinary county in the more remote parts of Canada. In fact it wouldn't make more than a decent county town, the affairs of which would be managed, and well managed for as many pence as we pay pounds! The matter has come to that point beyond which forbearance not only ceases to be a virtue but becomes a crime. There is no use in mincing matters; a sweeping reduction of our expenses has become a necessity, is essential to our existence as a Colony, and if the officials have not sense enough to apprehend the true "situation," to bow to necessity and public opinion, it will become the duty of the people to seek redress in a way and in a quarter which will ensure success. The officials must be made to understand that they were made for the people, not the people for them. "Proud Prelate," cried Elizabeth, "I made ye, and I can unfrock ye!" The servants of the public must be responsible to the public. The people must be invested with the power to make and unmake.

THE ENGLISH PRESS ON ANDY JOHNSON.

Poor "Andy" is not much flattered in his not over dignified retreat from the "White House," by the English Press. The *Daily Telegraph* says, "No man ever made more enemies and fewer friends than poor Andrew Johnson. Without tact, without dignity, without prudence, he carried on single-handed a conflict with the Legislature, which only the grim tenacity of his purpose redeemed from absurdity. To annoy, thwart, and out-manoeuvre Congress, was the sole object of his political career; and incessant defeats left him as determined as ever." The *Morning Post* concludes an article of a more friendly tone, on the same subject, as follows:—"That Mr. Johnson committed great faults no one can question, and even his warmest admirers must acknowledge that he did not possess the qualities needed by one called upon to govern the American Republic whilst still staggering under the efforts of the great civil war. But that he meant honestly, and conscientiously, to do his duty to all classes of his fellow-citizens we are firmly convinced. He thought whether rightly or wrongly, that the admission of the defeated Southerners into the bosom of the Republic they had quitted should be made as easy as possible, and doubted the expediency of pursuing a policy of repression and punishment if by-gones were to be by-gones, and the work of reconstruction was to be speedy and complete. On this side of the Atlantic the policy of which he was the exponent unquestionably recommended itself to the majority, and we may be pardoned for thinking that the Union would to-day bear a much closer resemblance to its ancient self than it actually does had that policy been in principle, at least, accepted by Congress. Other men entertaining Mr. Johnson's views might have succeeded under the same circumstances in securing at least their partial adoption, and to this extent the South suffers by the uncompromising spirit of the President. Ever ready to maintain to the last extremity the cause he had taken in hand, his success would have been greater if his courage had been tempered by judgement."

The *Morning Star*, after alluding to Mr. Buchanan's unsuccessful attempt to extort a favorable verdict from the public upon retirement from office, says, "Mr. Johnson will be judged by the same stern criticism, and we doubt whether even he can hope to reverse the verdict which has already been pronounced against him. Let him have the benefit of every doubt, and the fact still remains that he declared war to the knife against the representatives of the people in both Houses of Congress, and that he did his best to obtain such terms for the South as would have reduced the abolition of slavery to a dead letter, and prepared the way for its re-establishment in an equally odious form, although not under so odious a name. . . . But Ex-President Johnson now belongs to the past. The events of the next four years will be made not by him, but by President Grant and his colleagues; and if, in spite of so many disadvantages, the machinery of government has worked with so little permanent injury to the interests of the commonwealth since Mr. Lincoln's death, there is good reason to hope that, with a President and a Legislature acting in harmony, the nation is destined to make a progress which will at no distant day obliterate the traces of past calamities."

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.—In consequence of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Commission, Messrs. Rhodes and Findlay waited upon the Governor on Wednesday afternoon, and laid before His Excellency the minutes of the proceedings. The Governor has, we learn, added the names of the Hon. Dr. Davie, Clement Cornwall Esq., J. P. and Mr. J. Spencer Thomson to the Commission. The proceedings of the Commission will be communicated to Messrs. Cornwall and Thompson, thus rendering it unnecessary for these gentlemen to come down to Victoria. We could have wished to have seen the commercial and agricultural interests on the Lower Fraser represented on the Commission. It is in the lower country, to the east of the Cascade Range, where the influence of the Customs Tariff will be chiefly felt.

THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE COLONIES.—A paper has just been issued showing the amounts included in the army estimates for military purposes in the colonies, and the probable repayment by the several colonies on the same account. The grand total cost will be no less than £2,589,886, for the maintenance of 34,798 troops, while the repayment to the British Exchequer will amount only to £252,000.

THE PACIFIC SQUADRON.—A table recently published gives the following vessels to the Pacific Station. Those ships which have an Asterisk prefixed to them are ordered home:—Boxer, Camelion, Chanticleer, Charybdis, Forward (gunboat), Malacca, Mutine, Reindeer, Satellite, Scout, Topaz, Zealous, (flag-ship.)

LAMARTINE.—A writer in the *Illustrated London News*, in the column headed "Nothing in the Papers," says, "But a word here on the death of Lamartine. The poet, the patriot, the man of dauntless bravery, has passed away at an advanced age. It is displeasing to be unable to complete the epitaph with a record that France had remembered one of her noblest sons, and forgotten his slight faults for the sake of his fidelity to her. But it is not up to such men as Lamartine that there ascends the offerings of those who spend two millions [English] on an opera-house. Lamartine often made it hard for the biographer to write of him as one could wish; but he was never untrue to France, which has not been true to him. Now, of course, for torrents of cheap sentiment, and not a few sycophantic sneers, for the man who was actually in earnest about patriotism."

HEALTH IN IRONCLADS.—According to an official report on the health of the navy it would appear that the general health upon ironclads is better than upon other vessels, although the very opposite had been predicted. It appears from this report that on the Pacific Station the Zealous, showed by much the lowest ratio of any sea-going vessel of the squadron.

PIC-NIC.—Yesterday His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Seymour, entertained Mr. Holladay, his son, and a few of his friends at a picnic. The spot selected for the picnic was Sangster's Plains, a delightful spot about 9 miles from this city, in the direction of Metchoen. Chief Justice Needham, Miss Needham and the Hon. M. Ball were of the party.

FEMALE EMIGRATION.—Miss Rye (says the *Liverpool Courier*) intends going out again from that port to Canada at the end of May with another party of young women. Miss Rye, by her past successes, has proved that the women, once transported to the colonies, can obtain immediate and satisfactory employment.

VISIT TO GARIBOLDI.—It was rumored in the London Clubs that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would, on his journey homeward, call at Capera, in order to pay his respects to Garibaldi.

LOADED.—The ship *Golden Age*, which has just been loaded with spars at Burrard Inlet by Moody & Co., is now ready to sail for London.

New Advertisements.

FOR VICTORIA, V. I.

THE SHIP
GEM OF THE OCEAN.

Now loading at San Francisco, will positively sail on the 6th May for this Port.
For particulars apply to
PICKETT & HARRISON,
Front St. San Francisco,
MILLARD & BEEDY,
Victoria Agents.

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TO BE LET.

THAT commodious Residence containing Seven excellent Rooms, late in the occupation of C. W. R. Tupper Esq., situate on Queen's Avenue [The Road leading to the Lion Brewery]. There is a large and well appointed garden, with two never failing wells of Water, Stabling, Outhouses and every convenience. For particulars apply to
ROBERT BURNABY,
Land Agent, Government St.

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NORTH PACIFIC

RAILROAD.

THE Townsite of SOUTH SEATTLE having been laid out, Mr. J. Moss, the owner thereof, may be found at Mr. Heisterman's Office, to dispose of such Lots as are still unsold.

The new Town fronts on SEATTLE BAY and a large number of Blocks have already been sold.

A LARGE MAP of the City can be seen at Mr. Heisterman's Office, Langley Street, who is authorized to sell them at a low fixed price.

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MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE
EXCURSION.

On Saturday, May 1st.

THE STEAMER

"ENTERPRISE"

Will leave the H. B. Co.'s Wharf

At 10 o'clock, a. m.,

with Excursionists for

PEDDER INLET,

Returning via Albert Head and Esquimalt Harbor about 6 o'clock, p. m.

An efficient Quadrille Band will accompany the excursion.

FARES:—Gentlemen, \$1; Ladies and Youths, 50c; Children, under 10 years, 25c.

Tickets may be had from the Librarian and at the Store of T. N. Hibben & Co.

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New Advertisements.



LONDON HOUSE,

GOVERNMENT STREET,

(MARCH, 1869.)

WE HAVE just received by "PRINCE OF WALES" and last Express, large additions to our Stock for Spring and Summer Trade, and now offer for sale a full assortment of First Class Goods in every department, Well adapted for either

Wholesale or Retail

buyers. The whole have been very carefully selected in Europe.

J. H. TURNER & Co.

Dress Goods,

Silks,

Shawls,

Mantles,

Linens,

Sheetings,

Shirtings,

Blankets,

Flannels,

Curtains,

Carpets,

Rugs,

Mats,

Cloths,

Hosiery,

Gloves,

Underclothing,

Baby Linen,

Lace Goods,

Embroideries,

Masonic Goods,

Hats,

Bonnets,

Flowers,

Feathers,

very large assortment of

FANCY GOODS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Fresh supplies to arrive each Steamer.
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New Advertisements.

Dry Goods & Clothing.

FINDLAY & DURHAM

Offer for Sale, ex "Prince of Wales" and "Cecrops,"

AT LOWEST MARKET RATES,

Printed Cottons—New and choice patterns,
Grey Calicos—30, 32, 36, & 72 inches wide,
White do —30, 33, & 36 inch, at various prices,
Horrock's White Long Cloths, 32, & 36 inches wide,

GREY DRILLING,

Shawls and Balmoral Skirts,

PLAIDS—Coburgs, Alpaccas, and Merinos,

Tweed and Pilot Pants and Coats, for Indian Trade,

Cloth Caps and Hats, for do do

Heavy Corduroy, Moleskin, and Tweed Pants, for Miners.

CRIMEAN SHIRTS, Serge Shirts, and Cotton Shirts,

Collars, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Scarfs, &c.

Hosiery & Underclothing—Woolen and Cotton,

Duck Pants—Denim Overalls and Jumpers,

BLANKETS—2 1/2, 3, & 4 point, all colors,

Haberdashery Goods—A complete assortment.

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FINDLAY & DURHAM

FOR YALE.

THE Steamers Onward and Lillooet will make regular trips to Yale, leaving New Westminster on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Freight, \$12 per ton.

Passage, 87.

N. B.—The above steamers will not be responsible for leakage of Liquids, shipped in tins or glass.

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NOLTEMEIER BROS.,
IMPORTERS & DEALERS IN

BOOTS AND SHOES,

KEEP constantly on hand a complete assortment of goods in their line, and soon expect direct from Europe, a large invoice of BOOTS AND SHOES, and will sell them at reasonable prices

FOR CASH.

Observe the place, the Brick Building, adjoining the St. Nicholas Hotel, Government street, Victoria.

JOHN GOODACRE,
BUTCHER,
ORIENTAL MARKET,
PORT STREET, NEAR BLANCHARD, VICTORIA, B. C.

DEALER IN
MEATS
OF THE BEST DESCRIPTION.

HAMS, BACON & SPICED BEEF.
Meat supplied on the most reasonable terms, and forwarded to any part of the town FREE OF CHARGE.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED.

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VICTORIA MARKET,
Corner of Johnson & Waddington Streets.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FRESH MEAT,
of the best quality, constantly on hand.
Also, a fine assortment of

Sugar-Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon and Smoked Tongues, &c.

Of our own Curing this Season, great care having been taken to make them the best in the Market.

Also, a daily supply of FRESH VEGETABLES.
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JOHN MURRAY.

PAPER HANGINGS. PAPER HANGINGS.
10,000 ROLLS.

JUST received per "Cecrops" by the undersigned, a large assortment of Wall Paper, English, French and American patterns, expressly selected for him, comprising many new and choice designs, which he offers by the Case or Roll at 10 cents per Roll and upwards.

E. HARRISON

(LATE J. BANKS & Co.)

DEALER IN

Paints, Oils, Window
Glass, Varnishes, Gold
Mouldings, &c.
Yates Street,
VICTORIA B. C.

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Clean Your Chimneys!

BENJAMIN WAKEFIELD begs to inform the public of Victoria, that, having had many years experience in sweeping and cleaning Chimneys, and preventing their smoking, he is prepared to execute all orders in that line, general work included.
Orders left at Fell & Co.'s store on Fort Street, or at 3d house East of Bavaria Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

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LANGLEY STREET

STEAM SASH, DOOR AND MOULDING
FACTORY.

HAYWARD & JENKINSON,
Contractors and Builders.

HAVING adapted Machinery to all Branches of this trade, are prepared to execute work entrusted to their care with promptitude, at prices to suit the times.

DOORS, SASHES & MOULDINGS
always on hand.

H. & J., having added the

UNDERTAKING

Business to the above, are prepared to carry out all orders in the City or country, with immediate attention, quietude and economy.

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W. G. JAMIESON,

Watchmaker & Jeweller,
GOVERNMENT STREET.

Has just received a large assortment of Goods consisting of

Watches, Jewellery, Silver & Platedware,
IN GILT, MARBLE & BRONZE.

Telescopes, Compasses,
Marine Glasses,

Etc., Etc., Etc.,

ALL OF THE LATEST PATTERNS.

Visitors from Puget Sound and Oregon will find it to their advantage to call and examine his

Large and well selected Stock.

All Goods sold at the Lowest Rates, and every Article Guaranteed as represented.

Remember the address:
WM. GEO. JAMIESON,
Next door to the Colonial Hotel,
Government Street.

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\$200 REWARD

WILL be paid for the arrest and conviction of ROBERT BYRNE, who robbed the Safe of the Colonial Hotel, on Sunday morning, the 25th inst., of \$50 in Gold and Bank of British Columbia and Bank of British North America Notes.

Byrne is about five feet nine inches high, dark complexion, black eyes, dark hair, moustache, and had on, when last seen, black cloth suit.

EDEN WHITE,
Victoria, B. C., April 25, 1899.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

Supreme Court, Vancouver Island,
Registrar's Office.

A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, bearing date the 30th of March, 1899, between Morris Dobrin, of Victoria, V. I., debtor, the first part, James Burns and George Findlay, of Victoria, V. I., Merchants, Trustees on behalf of the creditors of the said Morris Dobrin, of the second part, and the undersigned creditors of the said Morris Dobrin, of the third part, the said creditors agree to accept fifty-five cents on the dollar in full satisfaction of their claims, and to be paid in the manner set forth in the said agreement on the payment of the said fifty-five cents in the dollar, the said creditors are to release and discharge the said Morris Dobrin from all debts, dues and demands due and owing to the said creditors, on the fulfilment of said agreement, was, on the day of April, 1899, and at the hour of o'clock, p. m., brought into my office for Registration, and was duly Registered pursuant to the Bankruptcy Act, 1897.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1899.
RICHARD WOOD,
Acting Registrar.

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DIED.

In this city, on the 29th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Henry Dawson, late of London, Canada, aged 65 years.
The funeral will take place to-day, leaving the residence of deceased, on Johnson Street, at 3:30 p.m., to which friends are invited.

AUCTION SALE THIS DAY.

J. P. DAVIES & Co., Wharf Street, will sell, at 11 o'clock, a.m., at the residence of A. F. Main Esq., Pandora Street, Household Furniture.

The British Columbian.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1869.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

April 27th 1869.
Council met at 8 o'clock p.m. His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Councillors present—Allatt, McKay, Russell, Allsop, and Gerow. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

An account from F. W. Green for surveys of streets, amounting to \$10, was referred to the Finance Committee for payment.

An account from the Government Gazette office, for advertising, and printing assessment roll of 1868, \$203.50 was read, and upon motion, its consideration was deferred.

The following contracts were awarded, viz. Geo. Stelley for grading Pandora street \$675 00; for grading Comorant street \$165 for grading Douglas street \$275; for repairing Dallas road \$40, and to A. Strong and Willis Bond, for repairing Pandora street, \$27 50.

The Fire Wardens reported that having inspected the premises of Messrs. Hayward & Jenkinson, with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the smoke stack of the steam engine should be constructed of brick or substantial metal properly secured. On motion the report of the fire wardens was received, and the clerk was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Hayward and Jenkinson, that the recommendation of the fire wardens be carried out forthwith.

The sums paid by the Corporation on various accounts for the last month, amounting to \$737 75, were read by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and on motion the payment was confirmed.

The Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Thursday April 29.

The Council met at one o'clock, p.m. The Mayor in the Chair. Present, Councillors Allatt, McKay, Russell, Allsop, and Gerow.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the object of the meeting of the Council was to consider and finally pass the revenue by-law for the current Municipal Year, whereupon the by-law as reported by the committee was upon motion passed.

Council adjourned to Tuesday evening next at 7 o'clock.

COMMITTED.—Wm. Anderson, from Remand on a charge of inciting a riot, to desert, underwent a long examination yesterday, before Mr. Pemberton. Mr. Bishop appeared for the accused, and contended very ably in his defence. Nothing new was elicited to fix the charge more clearly, than had transpired at the former examination; the Court, however, committed the prisoner for trial at the next assizes.

ROLLED OVER.—The bark Delaware, which has been so long a time undergoing repairs on the beach, at Esquimalt, having had one side repaired, was on Wednesday, rolled over, in order to complete the other side, the damage to which is but trifling. Messrs. Moody & Co., the owners, expect to have her aloft in a few days.

DISCHARGED.—William Williams, who was under arrest for being a suspicious character, was yesterday discharged from custody, there being found no ground for the charge, save an evident appearance of very poor health, and great lack of both mental and physical energy.

BREAKING WINDOWS.—Elizabeth Thurber was called up yesterday, to answer a charge of breaking the glass in the windows of the Dew Drop Inn, on Yates Street. A very clear understanding of the matter could not be arrived at, and the accused was bound over to appear to-day, to respond to the charge.

DIRECT STEAMER.—We are authoritatively informed that there will be a steamer dispatched from San Francisco to this port immediately upon the arrival of the Orillanme at that city. The steamer which left San Francisco this week, (either the Ajax or Active) goes to Portland.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The Enterprise sailed for New Westminster at 11 o'clock last night. She took up a large number of passengers, including the Hon. Dr. Carrall, Mr. Holloway, of the Cariboo Sentinel, and several up-country merchants.

THE ORILLANME sailed from Esquimalt yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, for Nanaimo, to coal. She will return early to-morrow.

DISPATCHES, were received on Wednesday by Governor Seymour from the Colonial Office.

FROM PORT STOWN.—The G. S. Wright returned from Olympia at 10:30 last night. There is no news of importance by her.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

Hore, B. C., April 29.—Johnson's Express arrived last night, 15 days from Kootenay.

EASTERN STATES.

CHICAGO April 26.—Odd-fellows celebration was general among leading cities and towns processions in large cities were grand and imposing. There are 3300 lodges in the U.S. numbering 300,000 contributing members. The resources of the order probably amounts to fifty millions.

CHICAGO, April 27.—The Republican's special denies, by authority, that Secretary Fish Bowie and Attorney General Hear intend resigning.

Labour Unions in different parts of the country denounce in strong terms the opinion of the Attorney General in the eight hour question.

The cause of the Cuban Insurgents, does not seem to be growing in strength with the administration. It appears their only hope of success, is in the obtaining material aid from the government, and it is asserted on high authority, that unless such aid is rendered the Insurgents will not be able to help out sixty days. It can be stated on the authority of the President and Secretary of State that is not their intention to interfere beyond the protection of American citizens and property.

The special agents of the Post Office Department, in charge of mails for San Francisco, China, and the Sandwich Islands, have been discharged. The mails will hereafter be in charge of the Purser.

Havana advices state that Spanish troops are being rapidly pushed into the interior, and the cause of the insurgents is growing weaker.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Commissioner Dana, has decided, after careful consideration, that all money used by Brokers in their business, however obtained, must be taxed as capital.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Grand Billiard Tournament, for the Gold Cue, commenced at Irving Hall to-night. The prize is a gold cue, valued at \$600, and \$1,000 cash is added with the entrance fee \$400, and the entire receipts will be distributed in 5 prizes.

The Board of Registration have decided adversely, to the application of women to be registered as voters in the District of Columbia.

Secretary Boutwell, has ordered, that hereafter, all property belonging to the department, for sale, shall be sold at auction, or under sealed proposals.

It is ascertained, from authentic sources, that only six vessels will be employed in the public service in Cuban waters. The fitting out of several ironclads has no other significance than a desire of the Navy Department to preserve them from decay.

NEW YORK, April 24.—A despatch from London, says the British and French Governments propose to send a squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, to look after their national interests.

There is much opposition in England, to Cuban independence.

It is understood that the Spanish Loans, will be promptly taken, to enable Spain to suppress the rebellion and prevent the United States from obtaining control of the Island of Cuba.

Victor Hugo intends to visit America, during the present year, probably in May or June.

EUROPE.

MADRID, April 24.—In the Cortes, yesterday, Senator Orenos, a Republican deputy, introduced a measure calculated for ever to exclude all Bourbonnais from the throne. Amendments were carried, whereby Queen Isabella's children only, are excluded. Serrano introduced a Bill permitting general education. Figura, Minister of Finance, proposed the negotiation of a treaty of commerce with Great Britain.

PESKA, April 24.—At the opening Session of the Diet, yesterday, Joseph made a peaceful address. He said much important legislation must be accomplished. Internal reforms of the country are required for the concentration of the entire power of the nation. Relations between Austria and the other powers of the world, offered a peaceful prospect. Prussian forces are being massed in the vicinity of Mayence. Other troops are on the Rhine. The troops at Berlin are ordered to be ready to move.

MADRID, April 26.—The conscription is completed. There was no riot or disorder, except at Avila, a small town, where the conscription was postponed on account of the opposition of the people.

FLORENCE, April 26.—The Mazzinian conspiracy, recently discovered at Milan, seems wider spread than was first supposed. Arms, ammunition, documents, &c., belonging to the conspirators have been discovered and seized in this city.

MADRID, April 25.—Olozaga, during the Session, yesterday, assured members that France would respect the Government of Spain, whatever form may be adopted.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Arrived, 27th, Bark Free Trade, 63 days from Port Ludlow, lumber to Dangley; 28th, brig Advance, five days from Columbia River.

SECOND DESPATCH.

EASTERN STATES.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Herald says that Gen. Lee has been invited to call upon the President Grant at the White House, in order to confer in reference to the reconstruction of Virginia.

CHICAGO April 28.—A Helena special says this morning China in Montana was nearly destroyed by fire, 93 business houses and 40 dwellings were burned. Loss half a million.

SAVANNAH, April 28.—In the U.S. district Court to-day, a case came up for trial. The

counsel on one side demanded the jury to subscribe to the ironclad oath, which was read, when every juror left the box. The case fell through for want of a jury.

AUCTION.—J. P. Davies & Co. will sell to-day, at the residence of A. F. Main, Esq., Pandora Street, a full set of household furniture, of a superior quality.

TO ADVERTISERS.—Owing to the pressure upon our space, we have been compelled to lay over a column of new advertisements, but they will appear to-morrow.

ANNEXATION CALMLY CONSIDERED.

MR. EDITOR.—Will you oblige the writer of the following lines by publishing them in your columns, in order to elicit from the public the general sentiment "on the situation."

FELLOW COLONISTS.—Earnest men should do more for the benefit of themselves and the country than concoct useless measures for future Legislation. Of what avail will any alteration of the tariff be? With a depleted treasury, revenue falling off, and the Colony suffering from a depression beyond all precedent, with no prospect, either present or remote, of immigration, what are we to do? The question that suggests itself to every thinking mind is, What and where is the remedy? The remedy would be population, and the means of obtaining it, only and solely, annexation to the United States. This assertion will doubtless grate on the sensibilities of a few; but the majority (the great majority) of people living in the Colony will fully endorse it. Annexation is inevitable, and we may as well be prepared for our natural destiny. I am keenly alive to the patriotic enthusiasm of a few individuals in our midst, who look forward to an imaginary future of a thriving British population extending across the continent from ocean to ocean, successfully competing with their southern neighbours. If there were any immediate prospect of such an event, we might, indeed, hope. The great American people are undoubtedly a great nation, and excel in all matters pertaining to diplomacy. It is on the basis that British Columbia must be United States territory, and the Government of that country are clever enough to enslave the old country out of it. The Alabama claims are pending for a purpose subservient to this end. With annexation Victoria would become second only in importance to San Francisco. The geographical position of the place would of necessity create Victoria the port of entry and discharge, for distribution for the waters of Puget Sound, Fraser River, and the whole Northwest coast. Instead of lingering through a miserable existence, prosperity would at once dawn upon the country. We have now one coal mine in operation, and two lumber exporting saw mills. At the coal mine, at Nanaimo, at the present time, over ten thousand tons of coal have accumulated, awaiting sale and shipment, but the difficulty is no shipping can be obtained, nor can sale be effected. Per contra: Under annexation, every known seam of coal would be developed and every good lumber site preempted, and the work of progress vigorously prosecuted. The minerals in our hills would no longer lie dormant and useless for want of capital to work them. Our distant and isolated position from the mother country render it utterly impracticable for us to become a successful British colony with Republican elements in our midst, and almost surrounded by Republican institutions and territory. We live in a fast age. Events are daily occurring which were not dreamt of a few years past; and, unlikely as it may appear to the opponents of annexation that England would surrender this colony, or any portion of the North American Continent (unless compelled to do so by force of arms), to the United States, they may soon realize a different result.

Were the inhabitants of British Columbia a thriving community, the question of annexation would not be popular; for the people are loyal and patriotic. The force of circumstances alone compels them to advocate a change of nationality. The restrictive duties of the United States, amounting to prohibition, shut us out from the American market, and the policy of commerce (whether intended or not) of our neighbors would appear to have a tendency to draw matters to one common focus. I am a loyal Briton, and would prefer living under the institutions of my own country, were it practicable. But I, like the rest of the world of which we are each an atom, would prefer the flag and institutions of the United States with prosperity, to remaining as a British colony. It has long been tried under different forms and phases for twenty years, and proved a failure. I have written sufficient to obtain my object, as expressed in the first few lines; and if it meets with a response, either pro or con, you shall, with your permission, hear from me again. ANGLO-SAXON.

British Columbia,
April 20th, 1869.

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DEALER IN
Manilla and Hemp Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Oakum, Paints, Oils, Canvas, &c.
WHARF STREET.
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Has removed three doors above his old stand on Fort Street, two doors from Douglas street, where his friends and customers will find him always ready to accommodate them with the needed. Having made arrangements to keep a constant supply of

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Grain,
Bacon,
Lard,
Butter,
Fruit,
Groceries,
&c., &c.

I flatter myself that purchasers will find it to their advantage to give me a call.
at Grain, Flour, &c., at Wharf prices.
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DUCK & SANDOVER,

Carriage and Waggon
MANUFACTURERS,
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ARE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ORDERS for every description of the above work with dispatch, and will ensure durability and style equal to any manufactory in the Colony.

They are also prepared to

SHOE HORSES

And do general
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AT CHEAP RATES. mal 6

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WILSON G. HUNT,

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LEAVES Victoria for Olympia and other ports on Puget Sound, every

THURSDAY MORNING,

AT 5 O'CLOCK.

This Steamer possesses very superior accommodation. For Freight or Passage, apply on board.

Passengers for Oregon, via Olympia, will be ticketed through from the latter place to Portland for \$11.

J. MYRICK,
Agent Oregon Steam Nav. Co.
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FRANKLYN RESTAURANT,

Victoria V. I.

CHARLES FORD.

RESPECTFULLY informs his Friends and the Public that the above place will be conducted by himself, and that particular attention will be paid to cleanliness and good order.

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FORT STREET, NEAR BROAD.

HAS always on hand, and makes to order

SPRING HAIR.

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Matresses, Lounges, &c.

Also on hand

6000 Rolls English Wall Paper,

Long Rolls, from 10 cts. upwards.

Wall-Paper, Carpets, Brasses and Mahogany Window Frames, Window-blinds,

And a variety of

UPHOLSTERY GOODS.
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Corporation of the City

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"ROAD ORDINANCE, 1869."

NOTICE is hereby given that the list of Persons liable to pay Road Tax within the Victoria City Road District, under the provisions of the "Road Ordinance, 1869," is open for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Broad Street, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.

WM. LEIGH, Collector.

City Council Chambers, April 15th, 1869.

New Advertisements.

FURNITURE, SALE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

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Monday, May 3rd,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A.M.

10 Gunnies Bacon.

8 Cases Tomatoes.

200 Mats China Rice,

50 Boxes English Yellow Soap,

5 Chests Bulk Tea,

Sal Soda, Starch,

— Cases Brandy.

Lot Household Furniture

Chairs, Tables, Bureaus, Bedsteads,

Beds, Bedding, Blinds, Curtains,

Cornices, Crockery, Glassware, Table

Cutlery, Spoons, Cruets, Carpets,

Rugs, Tea Sets, Door Mats, Lamps,

Cruet Stands, Clocks, Splittons, Watches.

Cooking and Office

STOVES,

1 Case Looking Glasses,

Etc. Etc. Etc.

J. P. DAVIES,
Auctioneer

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Wm. Lyons, Bankrupt.

HIS Lordship the Chief Justice of Van-

couver Island has appointed the FIRST

MEETING of Creditors of this Bankrupt to

take place at the Registrar's Office, Supreme

Court, on Wednesday, the 5th day of May

next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when

and where Creditors must attend and prove

their debts, and proceed to the choice of a

Trade Assignee.

W. S. SEBRIGHT GREEN,
Solicitor to the Hon. the Chief Justice.

Broughton street, April 22d, 1869. ap 23

ASSISTED

Female Immigration.

FAMILIES desirous of obtaining

Female Servants from England under

the Government Grant, are re-

quested to send their applications ad-

ressed to "The Immigration Board,"

Post Office, Victoria, on or before the

1st May next.

In the present early stage of the movement

only a limited number can be procured.

The whole expense of bringing out a servant

is estimated at \$175, of which the Govern-

ment will pay a part, and the applicant the

balance, viz., by two approved Promissory

Notes of \$50 each, one payable on demand,

on receipt of information here of the sailing

of the ship, and the other to be paid on de-

mand, on arrival of the ship.

It is proposed to pay to each person, wages

at the rate of from \$10 to \$12 a month, \$500

of that portion of the passage money ad-

vanced by the applicant to be repaid by instalments

out of the wages of the Female Servant, who

will be bound for two years.

Persons desirous of getting their friends in

England to select their servants for them,

instead of the Committee, in England, can do

so under the arrangements of the Board.

Printed forms of application may be obtained

at Messrs. Hibben & Co., and the Post Of-

fice, Victoria, and at the various Post Offices

on the Mainland.

The Board of Immigration will be happy to

further the wishes of persons in the Colony

who may be desirous of taking advantage of

the opportunity thus afforded of bringing out

relatives at their own expense.

By order of the Board,

HENRY S. MASON,
Victoria, April 13, 1869. Hon. Secretary.

NESBIT'S

CRACKER BAKERY,

ESTABLISHED IN 1860.

Navy Bread,

Pilot Bread,

Cabin Biscuit,

Soda Crackers,

Sugar Crackers,

Butter Crackers.

And every description of Biscuit supplied,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
at the shortest notice.

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THIS fine first class Hotel has superior ac-

commodations, possessing advantages for

Families unequalled by any on this Coast.

THE HOUSE HAS BEEN PLACED IN

Thorough repair and refurnished.

The Table

Is supplied with every delicacy

New Advertisements.

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MANUFACTURER,

COLONIST BUILDING, GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA, B.

THANKS his numerous Patrons for their liberal support, and assures them that it will be his constant study to merit a continuance of their favors.

W. N. calls attention to his present stock of

Carriage, Concord, Buggy, Light and Heavy

HARNESS,

Which for Style and Durability is unequalled on this coast, and he having a thorough knowledge of the business in its various branches, and employing none but first class tradesmen in the departments, is a sufficient guarantee that all orders will be attended to promptly and completed in the best style of workmanship, and at the lowest possible prices.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Riding Whips "by late arrivals."

Horse Clothing in Stock and made to order.

Carriage Trimming and repairing done on the shortest notice.

The Trade supplied on advantageous terms.

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JAY & BALES

offer for sale the finest assortment of

GRASSES, CLOVERS, and other FIELD
and GARDEN SEEDS on the Pacific Coast.

.....ALSO.....

Fruit Trees and Bushes, Evergreen and other
Shrubs, Flowering Plants for the house and
garden, and every other kind of NURSERY
STOCK, at low prices.

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GOVERNMENT STREET,
ADJOINING MESSRS. HIBBEN & CO.'S BOOKSTORE.WOULD INFORM the People of British Columbia, and Visitors from
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ment of

Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods,

Also a great variety of

Second hand Goods, such as Guns, Pistols,
Musical Instruments, Gold and Silver Watches,
Jewelry, Trunks, Valises, etc., etc.,

All of which they offer very cheap for

CASH.N. B. We have just received, direct from England, a large and beautiful assortment of
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which we intend to sell 50 per cent lower than they can be bought in the city.

Ladies' and Gents' cast off Clothing bought and sold.

CLOTHES CLEANED AND REPAIRED.

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Importers of all kinds of Men's and Boys'

Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery, Hats, Caps,

GLOVES, BOOTS.**WATERPROOF GOODS, &c., &c.**and receive direct shipments, by every steamer, from the best English and
Scotch Houses.**WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.**

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A LARGE AND SUPERIOR STOCK OF

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IMPORTED DIRECT FROM ENGLAND.

FOR SALE,

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CHEAP.CLOTHING,
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Packet Line of Sailing Vessels.Cash Advances made on Consignments,
Wharf Street, Victoria.**KWONG LEE & Co.,**
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GENERAL DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
CHINESE MERCHANDISE,

offer for sale,

Red and white China Matting.

All kinds of Rattan Chairs.

N. B. A few Tons of broken Rice at low rates,

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Soft and Bed Springs; Gilt Rosewood and

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all sizes; Looking plates from 8x10 to 20x40.

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Everything warranted as represented.

2500 yards best quality Tapestry Car-
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Room, Dining Room, three Bedrooms, Kitchen,
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STEAMBOATSSupplied on the Shortest Notice,
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THE UNDERSIGNED takes pleasure in an-
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And all other kinds without end, will be sold

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assortment of the choicest articles that can

be obtained, so as to rival the best Groceries on

the Pacific Coast.

FELL'S COFFEE has now stood the test of

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entirely the imported

CHARTRES COFFEE,

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To large consumers they offer every facility

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Prices and Quality.

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AGENTS FOR

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PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

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THIS Company offers to the Public the

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Prospectuses and every information can**be obtained from the undersigned who****is fully empowered to accept risks.****J. ROBERTSON STEWART,**

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"Ex. PRINCE OF WALES"

Amontillado Sherry.

A very dry wine. per. doz. \$15 10.

Oloroso Sherry.

A delicious pure Sherry. per. doz. \$14 10.

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A fine flavored wine. per. doz. \$13 10.

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A dry exquisitely pure wine. per. doz. \$12 10.

Brown Sherry.

A pure bodied wine. per. doz. \$12 10.

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A pure light wine. per. doz. \$11 10.

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A dry and light wine. per. doz. \$10 10.

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A sound dinner wine. per. doz. \$9 10.

The above wines are warranted pure and

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to make room for Spring Goods. Also, he

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Reduced Prices,

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